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On Friday we received a copy of the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention. The book reached us three days after the Convention adjourned. This is the quickest job we have known of. The book contains 256 pages very neatly bound and illustrated. The Secretaries deserve the thanks of the entire Convention for their unprecedented dispatch in getting the advanced copies of the minutes of this our greatest Convention to the editors and delegates. It would be an improvement, if the State Secretaries could imitate the above example. This could be done, if the report of the Convention Boards, the College Trustees, Boards of Ministerial Education and the Statistical Secretaries, could be printed in advance and placed in the hands of State Secretaries. Let us move up.

Quick Work.

Some pastors in the State are offering their services in a special way for extending the circulation of THE BAPTIST. The special work they are proposing to do is to look after renewals and new subscriptions in their congregations. They are asking no remuneration except the increased efficiency of their churches.

A Good Idea.

Some of these are increasing splendidly, among whom is Bro. W. Jas. Robinson, pastor at Water Valley. We had a good list when he went, but he has added many new names and keeps well up with renewals. If other pastors wish to be added to this list, let us know, and the list of subscribers at their offices will be sent to them with our thanks for their kindness and services. If pastors generally would take up the work of pushing the circulation of THE BAPTIST, great good would result to them and to their congregations.

The old discussion of the usefulness of foreign missions is always with us, and is likely to be to the end of time. But one is surprised to hear opposition to missionary service from people who should know better. Major General Chaffee declared to the Methodists in New York, a few weeks ago, that the Chinese do not want Christianity; not only are the officials against it, but he said that the masses are against the Christian religion. Some papers commenting on the General's remark say that the expense of money and the lives invested in foreign missions is wasted. There seems to be a singular ignorance on the part of many people as to the real missionary impulse. It was the Master Himself who said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world." Again and

again must these critics be reminded that "missions" is not a question of sentiment or enthusiasm; it is purely a question of obedience to the command of the Master; he who takes his orders from the Captain of our salvation can do nothing other than obey. Does the possibility of death or disaster furnish an excuse to a soldier when given orders," was the reply of a soldier to a missionary, who was considering the question of abandoning the work he had in hand. Discouragements are incentives—to men of real flesh and blood!—Ex.

There are some things that can only be learned from statistics. The greatest authority on Baptist statistics in the world is Dr. Lansing Burrows of Nashville, Tennessee.

Statistical.

For years he prepared the matter for the "Baptist Year Book," and for a longer time, in the capacity of Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, he has spared neither money nor time, in tabulating Baptist figures, and with the data before him, his work is as nearly correct as it is possible for such work to be.

On page 204 of the minutes of the Savannah Convention (which reached our desk the next day after we got home from Savannah), is found a table from which it is learned that for the year 1902, the latest figures that can be had into the fellowship of our Southern white churches, there were received by baptism.....108,517
By restoration..... 8,922
By letter..... 71,130
By statement..... 2,731

Total.....191,300

In these same churches there were dismissed by letter..... 70,621
By death..... 17,608
By erasure..... 4,946
By exclusion..... 22,708

Total.....117,883

This gives a net gain of 79,417 in our Southern churches with two or three associations not reporting. Baptists in the world:

Negro Baptists (estimated).....1,927,089
Northern Baptists.....1,023,438
England and other countries..... 827,030
Southern white Baptists.....1,737,466

Total.....5,515,183

Southern Baptists last year contributed to missions..... \$ 66,798 43
To Home Mission..... 3,455,017 43
Other benevolence..... 47,509 07

Total.....\$4,571,325 33

"There is far too little praise and thanksgiving in the world. Tips and prizes and honors have transmuted human appreciation into coin, and have themselves become perfunctory and commercial. Let us bring back into life the spirit of glad gratefulness, of hearty praise, of watchful thanksgiving. And now today begin by thanking all the people who do good or useful things for you. Thank your servants, your office boy, the elevator man, your wife, your pastor, your family doctor. Most of all, thank the good Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and that Holy Spirit of God who abides in us and persuades us to better things, in spite of all that must be offensive to him in us and our selfish, thankless ways."

Gratitude.

On last Saturday, p. m., in company with Prof. L. P. Leavell, we ran over to Forest and then went out to the fine little town of Lena, 18 miles north of Forest. The occasion was the closing exercises of the Harmony Baptist Institute. The commencement sermon was preached by the editor of THE BAPTIST, to a very large congregation. In the afternoon Bro. L. P. Leavell entertained and instructed the same large audience in a masterful manner in Sunday School matters. He is doing a work that is very far reaching.

On Monday, at 2:30 p. m., the literary address was delivered by Prof. A. H. Ellett, of Blue Mountain. After this most enjoyable and instructive address, came the graduating exercises, when diplomas were presented to Robert Lee Wallace, Miss Annie Nutt, Miss Allie White and Miss Etta Porter, four promising young persons. At night came the concert, which was thoroughly enjoyable and which reflected much audit upon the faculty. The faculty for next session will consist of J. F. Parkinson, W. W. Venable, Miss Mittie Morris, Miss Lucila Hendrick, Miss Annie Nutt, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, Miss Edna Moore and Miss Lora Crittendon—8 in all.

Lena.

This school is doing a great work which will tell for good in the years to come, both for the Baptist cause and for general education.

Rev. T. J. Moore is pastor of the Baptist church at Lena, and everything seems to be going well in the line of church work. We found splendid entertainment in the hospitable home of Dr. A. L. Morris, who takes quite an active part in all church work. We also had the very great pleasure of dining with Bro. T. J. Moore and his excellent family. It was our good fortune and great pleasure to meet the aged Rev. T. E. Morris, who is the Nestor among Baptists in this section. Lena is in every way a very fine country community.

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Resume of the Great Convention.

The old proverb about the last being the best is certainly true when applied to the Savannah Convention. It was good from every point of view that this writer is capable of taking, and every one who was heard to speak about it, one way or another, said it was the best in all our history.

It was largely attended from every section of the country. Of the 1,747 delegates entitled to seats, 1,136 were present, and besides these there were something like 2,000 visitors, in addition to the Savannah people who turned out in great numbers. They were fine looking people, too, many of them showing good keeping at home. Among them, mingling and commingling freely, were governors, judges, lawyers, doctors, merchants, bankers, farmers, preachers, college presidents and professors, editors of great papers, both religious and secular, and business men and women not a few.

There was very little to criticize adversely in the meetings. The brother who wanted to display himself was almost altogether conspicuous for his absence. Everybody who spoke had something to say and said it, and afterwards held his peace, giving others a chance. Of course everybody could not have spoken, if everybody had wanted to speak, time was too limited for that. Many of the best and ablest men never raised their voices, only in song and praise, during the meetings, being content to listen and learn.

The singing of the Convention was very objectionable at times. The brother who had a part in charge was in attendance evidently for his first time and could not forget that he was not in some Texas country school house, instructing in the rudiments of music. He was overflowing in enthusiasm, and had songs and to spare with which he backed his enthusiasm up; but he was not always happy in his songs, giving us a great deal of "rag-time" music along with some that was first-class. The sing-

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ing was not wholly bad; only it was not entirely good, as has been true in some other meetings. As to Mr. Brown and his big harp, when the organ and the more than one thousand voices were going at once, he might as well have had a jews-harp, for you could only see him working his fingers and his lips, but hear him you could not. When he sang all alone then it was sweet enough.

The preaching of the Convention, with little exception, was good, and only good. There was no one great and over-towering sermon preached during the meeting, so far as could be learned, but many good, strong, gospel sermons were heard, upon which the souls of the people fed. In some sermons a strong appeal was made to any who might be present and not acquainted with the way of salvation to turn from sin and give themselves to Christ without delay. Then there were several requests for prayer in behalf of the unsaved during the devotional exercises on Monday of the Convention.

The missionary spirit was at its flood-tide all the time. It was in the air, and in the very blood that flowed through our veins. It was the keynote to which every speech that was made was set. The secretaries of our mission boards were full of it, the reports overflowed with it, the prayers were aflame with it, the addresses and speeches were inspired by it. Indeed, so over-powering was it that the Convention went on record with great enthusiasm to try to raise half a million dollars next year, this year now, for home and foreign missions, and there were not many persons present who doubted that it would be raised. If all our churches can keep within the "trade winds" of the gospel it will be done so easily that it will seem more like a dream than a glorious reality. Mississippi is asked for \$18,000.00 for foreign missions this year, our figures last year reaching \$16,125.48, and then with not half of us giving one cent, either. If we can all be induced to do our best just one time, God in heaven only knows how much we can give. Let every pastor see to it that his people shall have a good chance to do their level best, one time anyhow, before we all go hence.

It rained every day and hour of the Convention, until Monday morning at daylight, when the clouds disappeared and the sun came out for the first time during our sojourn in Georgia. But the rains helped, rather than hindered the meetings. It was too wet to go out sight-seeing, too lonesome to stay in doors alone; so everybody went early and stayed late to the meetings. And there was not a session when less than one thousand people were in attendance, and sometimes half as many more.

The Savannah people did very handsomely towards entertainment, or rather towards helping us have ourselves entertained. They told us where we might get board and lodging and we paid the bills, which were very reasonable. The First Church people, where the Convention met, had just finished refurnishing and refitting their house, and seemed to live in mortal

dread of our stepping or spitting on something. In fact, they did not open the house until an hour before time to call the Convention to order, rain or no rain; and as it rained all the time, hundreds of us stood in the rain, and a blowing rain too, on the small porch in front of the church, for an hour at a time, waiting for the house to be opened. The reason given by one of the sextons for this was that the house had to be cleaned up; but it could easily have been done earlier, or should have been, so as the people could have gotten in out of the rain. It gave occasion for a great deal of talk, which was freely indulged.

The Mississippi delegation was the largest that ever reported at the Southern Baptist Convention. Our special coaches carried one hundred and twelve of us and eight or ten came on later and over other roads. Because some of us did not send our names in time, we failed to get a special sleeper, but most of those who wanted sleeping accommodations got them in the regular sleepers. The rest of us laughed and talked and doubled up on our seats and had a good time. Nobody was hurt on the trip, although the running of the coach in the rear of ours off the track in switching in Atlanta, scared one or two of us pretty badly. Bro. W. S. Rogers was sick when he started, and was in bed nearly all the time at Savannah, and returned sick, aside from which everything went very smoothly with us. The railroads were very kind and obliging, sending their traveling agents all the way with us, and then side-tracking our coach, and letting us return in a body in to Jackson. Mr. Latimer of Birmingham, and Mr. Beam of Atlanta, were very attentive to us, and brought us under many and lasting obligations to them.

Then our own party was as good natured as ever went on a journey. We laughed, sang, ate when we could get a chance to clean up a lunch stand, as at Macon, for instance, argued and slept. It was worth the trip to be with the party that went from "old Missip" and enjoy the good cheer and sweet fellowships along the way. We wished that everybody in the State could have been along with us. It was a great trip, a great Convention, we had a great report to make from Mississippi, which we did, and returned home to join heart and hand with the brotherhood to make it even greater next year. Selah.

On the G. & S. I.

A TRIP OVER THE G. & S. I.—THE BAPTIST tramp has been interviewing the saints along the line of the G. & S. I.

STAR was the first halt. Quite a pleasant night was spent with Bro. Didlake and family and some new names were added to the list of BAPTIST readers.

BRAXTON.—Here lives Bishop Sutton. A delightful day and night were spent here and he kindly exercised his locomotive powers by way of introducing the tramp to his good people. And a goodly number of friends said, "Yes; send me THE BAPTIST." The outlook here is encouraging.

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Both pastor and people are hopeful.

CHARGES.—And counter-charges were indulged in at this point. The Bishop charged for his services—a sermon at night by ye tramp and the tramp charged for the sermon, or, was it for the paper! The good folks can take it either way. If they think the sermon, then THE BAPTIST is thrown in for good measure. If the paper, then the sermon is thrown in. The saints will settle that.

D'LO.—Two days were spent here and the stay was most pleasant. It being pastor Welch's regular time, the writer enjoyed the pleasure of preaching both Saturday and Sabbath. The Sabbath was given to F. M., and quite a nice collection was taken for the work. This church being on the eve of building a house for the Lord, the contribution was not so large as otherwise it would have been. Nevertheless about \$14 was devoted to this work. Bro. J. R. Johnston lives here and while he was absent his other-self entertained Bro. W., and the tramp.

A run down to Mendenhall in the evening of Saturday gave the writer an opportunity of shaking hands with a few of the saints in this thriving little town. Bro. Welch is pastor here also. THE BAPTIST goes into a number of homes in D'Lo that have not hitherto enjoyed its smiling face.

MAGEE.—Bro. Johnston is pastor here and since his services were demanded the train was halted and he was taken from the train and put on duty the balance of the day. He did not demur, however, but like the good man he is, he stretched himself—and the tramp too,—hunting up the Lord's little ones. Some new friends were found here also. The Traveler's hotel is conducted by Bro. W. P. Franklin. This scribe found pleasant entertainment here and, by the way, this brother is a God-fearing man, hence he serves cold,—not hot drinks—to his guests. Of this, let the traveling public take notice.

MOUNT OLIVE.—A day spent here was greatly enjoyed and it was profitable to THE "BAPTIST" as well. One night in the home of Bro. Bird and one in the home of Lawyer McLaurin. He is a "blue-stock" Presbyterian, but the noble little woman who mends his trousers and sews on his buttons, is a Baptist. Of course the house is duly balasted.

COLLINS.—The hustling Bush is Bishop here. He took charge at once and directed the campaign and, to a successful issue. A good list of new friends were found who will enjoy the visits of the State paper in the future. Just here is a good place to say that THE BAPTIST tramp greatly appreciates the help of all our pastors in extending the circulation of the paper. Their aid in seeing the people is a genuine service and the tramp invokes benedictions upon them. "The latch-string hangs on the outside" at Bush's, and the tramp is authorized to pull it whenever he may choose.

SEMINARY.—This is an old church and has to her pastor, Rev. — who gives half time. He is pastor also at Mount Olive. The work is prospering in his hands.

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A good list of readers of THE BAPTIST live here and a number of new names were added as the result of the visit. In the home of Rev. T. E. H. Robinson this scribe found agreeable entertainment. The good bishop was not at home. Like this scribe, he has enjoyed a few years of honest toil for the Master, but still in heart—in spirit—he is only the young man. It is refreshing to see one growing young, blissfully ignorant that hoary hairs crown his head! May all thus grow young! The tramp met at this place Mr. Jno. W. Watson, who is a candidate for U. S. Com., in the S. District. While he is a good Presbyterian, he reads and enjoys THE BAPTIST. His neighbors speak of him very highly, and express the hope that he may be elected.

BROOKLYN.—A day spent here was enjoyed "and to THE BAPTIST profitable." Bro. Shumaker and his charming wife made the stay most agreeable. The tramp was getting down South, and the heavy winter wear was just a little scratchy. This good man took in the situation and—relieved it by presenting the tramp with something more spring-like. Well, it was kind of him, and now when old Sol's beams spread themselves, he will think and be grateful.

BOND.—The Sabbath was spent here, and Bro. Bush said you must preach for the people. As best he could the scribe broke the bread of life to the waiting saints. The new church house is a beauty, and pastor and people are looking forward to better things in the near future. Rev. J. P. Culpepper is to assist in a meeting here to begin 1st of June.

LUMBERTON.—It is a joy to meet such a gracious welcome as was given by the assistant pastress. The pastor was out looking after the lambs of the flock. He is engaged in a series of nightly services in the church. The church is prospering; and the brethren think they have the best pastor in the State. The pastor is greatly concerned that the cause may prosper in his hands. Culpepper is himself a pretty good tramp—er. Lumberton spreads herself out much—and often going up and down etc., the night's rest was sweet. Hunting up Baptist folks and getting them to say—Yes—all don't say it, but there are the select elect at every place.

PUVRIS.—The scribe renewed acquaintances here and did some work for the B—. But now home and rest for a day and then to the north.

Absent from home 14 days and 9 sermons, and more than 50 new names for THE BAPTIST.

O. M. LUCAS.

A Perfect Christian.

Anything is said to be perfect when it attains to the highest quality of its existence. When it fully and perfectly fills the place it was designed to fill. It is therefore necessary to remember that perfection is defined by certain laws—laws which define the nature and kind of the order referred to, in distinction from all other species. No sane man would think of judging the perfection

of his horse, with herculean strength, and his wee infant baby by one and the same law. The child which may be perfect when judged by one law, would be very imperfect when judged by the other. We should not judge Christians by the law defining the nature of God, or limiting the nature of angels or even man in his Edenic state. But this is an exact illustration of the absurd arguments, put forth by the opponents of a perfect Christian, whereby many good and honest souls are greatly perplexed.

It is said there will be two very remarkable watches on exhibition at the St. Louis World's Fair. The one will be nearly seventy-five feet in diameter and more than forty feet high, with neat little stairways running through the inside of it so that people will be able to walk around among the moving wheels. The balance wheel will weigh a ton and the hair spring will be thick as a man's wrist. The main spring will be three hundred feet in length and made of ten steel bands two inches thick, bound together. The other will be the famous Berlin watch, which measures one fourth of an inch in diameter, its face being about the size of the head of a large-sized tack. This watch weighs less than two grains Troy. It scarcely seems possible that this tiny piece of mechanism could keep time with the other watch, with its huge machinery, but such will be true.

Even so the heart of poor, finite man, may be so thoroughly cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ and so completely filled with and regulated by the Holy Spirit and Divine love that it will beat in perfect unison with the great heart of the Infinite God—keep time with Divinity itself. This is what Christ meant when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48.

This stage of grace will neither make us infallible nor place us beyond falling, but it does place us in a position where the grace of God governs our hearts and lives, controls all our tempers, words and actions, and so strengthens us with might in the inner man as to enable us to withstand all the wiles of the devil and gain the victory over any temptation the moment it presents itself. Praise the Lord! Sin leaves, as it has lost its power against us, we being surrounded by the love of God as with a wall of fire. The flesh, the world, and the devil are under our feet, and we rule over our enemies. Yet, by constant watchfulness and fervent prayer, O, brothers and sisters in Christ, go forward in true faith and whole-hearted consecration, and enjoy the fullness of love and grace as it is in Christ Jesus our Savior.

B. B. C.

Sign of Promise.

I was especially anxious to see our Home Mission offerings measure above last year. I had this satisfaction in the closing hours of the year's work just closed. Utica surprised me with \$34.40, but henceforth I shall not be surprised at anything this church does in the way of missions, when a big thing is done. Steen's Creek is where O'Brien, of Irish blood, leads the saints in a contribution of \$125.00, all for Foreign Missions, but this does not mean that the others are forgotten.

New Albany claims attention with a check for \$34.80, while Indianola waits with \$27.50. Union is in Tippah Association and is interested in the good work to the amount of \$27.76. Magnolia does not rest until another contribution following the first in close order adds \$40.85 to Home Missions. Terry is fairly jubilant over the good work of a good worker among good workers who add \$130.90 to Foreign Missions.

But listen to the tidings from Mt. Zion where Henry tells the sheep out in the country. The letter tells of a great meeting on mission day and the pastor absent at a funeral. But no doubt the field had been faithfully worked and only waited the harvest and that harvest gladdened the hearts of all who were there, for the contribution went to \$115.00, making for this pastorate when the other churches, Shiloh and Pleasant Hill, shall have been added, \$145.00, with a plus. Walnut Grove is another country church whose pastor leads in the good cause, and sends \$21.00, and this added to his other places of Farmersville and Lena goes up close to \$150.00.

Out of the depths comes this letter from Holladay where young Gregory has just taken hold to serve, and this is for Home Missions and reads \$36.50. Okolona sends greetings with word for a place in the \$200.00 column, and we hope to see this duplicated if only Osborne be heeded. Collins has been much strained in building a church large enough to hold the Southern Baptist Convention, but does not forget in spite of its mission dependency to give \$50.00. At New Zion, in Copiah County Association, Home Missions is better off by \$20.20, while at State Line on the northern border Foreign Missions gets \$22.25. Summit, Smyrna and Bogue Chitto listen to the smooth and well modulated tones of ending, whose preaching is greatly enjoyed, and whose work for missions shows \$3.00.

Some of us were anxious at Winona to make \$100.00 for Home Missions, but somehow the record reads \$87.75. Never mind, we will catch the step yet of the \$100.00 column, i. e., if it is not moved up to the \$300.00 mark too quick, which seems to be the order now. Providence does not lose sight of the old preacher in sending the Gospel to the destitute, and so here along with \$26.86 for missions are \$9.50 for sustentation.

What a beauty is that new house at Lyon where Barrett holds forth the word

of life and as is usual to him takes mission collections, which for this associational year reach \$90.00. Here is a letter from the treasurer of Cherry Creek this time where are some of the salt of the earth, and where missions has been loved since the days of the Berrys and Leavells and all that race of noble men and women who have made this church famous in the long ago and with it are \$34.00. We were all sorry that Rogers was so unwell as not to be able to attend the sessions of the Convention after going, for his churches are not omitted in the work of the Convention as witness \$43.00 from Harmony, Hopewell and County Line.

Well, the great Convention is over and we are at work already to make the next a greater one. There is a day of rest somewhere, sometime, but we who are under the marching orders of the King must endure as seeing Him who is invisible and in His own good time the rest that remaineth will be ours and he shall say "enter into the joy of your Lord."

We must now get ready to meet the demands of our own State Mission work and will need near \$6,000.00 to go to the Convention at Yazoo City free of debt. Let no one say this is impossible after the thrilling experiences in missions through which we have just passed. We were only a part of the great Convention, and yet we felt it our duty to do our best in maintaining the work for which we as well as others were responsible. But in our State work we alone are responsible. We stand by ourselves and there are no others to fill up whatever deficiency there may be at the close of the year so rapidly approaching. Already the spirit is on the people, for in returning from the Convention the other day, fourteen men became responsible for \$2,000.00. Why may we not have this fourteen become fifty at same rates, and we would have it in hand in due time.

A. V. ROWE.

Texas Notes.

The Lord is dealing very graciously with His people in our State. You have no doubt heard of the large gathering of the Baptist folks at Waco to participate in dedicating those magnificent buildings given by the Carrolls—father and son. Some of the most distinguished educators of the land were there, and contributed largely to the interesting ceremonies of the occasion.

When Dr. J. M. Carroll has gotten a few more dollars subscribed to the endowment fund, Baylor will be one of the best equipped universities of the South. The buildings are well constructed, modern in architecture, and quite ample in their accommodation. The endowment, no doubt, will be enlarged from time to time until it shall become sufficient to meet all necessary expenses and thus make it possible for all, who will, to avail themselves of the means of a university education, in our State, by our own people.

We have just closed a very gracious meeting in our church. Nine were baptized and

five were received by letter. The pastor was assisted in the preaching by brethren R. F. Jenkins, of Greenville, and J. M. Carroll, of Waco, and better preaching I certainly have never heard, than these brethren did. The singing was conducted by Mr. E. A. Wolsch, of Atlanta, Ga., who is beyond question equal to the best in this Southland. He is to sing for pastor Austin Crouch and his people at Corinth soon. Bro. Crouch will find him of great help in word, work and song.

Pastor E. E. King, First Church, McKinney, has recently closed a most fruitful meeting, which resulted in about forty accessions to the church.

I am just home from West Minister, the seat of the Collins County Baptist Institute, where I went to take part in the closing exercises of the school. In a small way this school is doing much good in this and adjoining counties. Judging from the number of schools in Texas one would conclude that we believe "we must educate or we must perish."

Fine rains in North Texas, which practically assures a large wheat and oat crop, and our people are happy.

Within the last month our church has raised, in cash and pledges, for missions, education and church expenses, \$890.00, and our people are still in the notion to give.

I am yours cordially,

A. J. FAWCETT.

Farmersville, Texas, May 13, 1903.

A Statement.

It seems natural to be back in my native State again. I am now located at Sardis as pastor of this and Coldwater churches, giving two Sundays to each, and let me say that it is a delightful pastorate, for I have never seen kinder or more noble people anywhere. Perhaps one who has been upon a foreign field for a while can better appreciate kindness, too, than one who has been accustomed to it all the time.

Let no one think, however, that I have abandoned the foreign work, for my purpose back in this country is to complete my medical education in order to broaden my influence on the foreign field and give me greater opportunities to reach people so that I can get a better chance to preach the gospel to them. In Mexico the laws of the country compel us to do all our religious work in doors, so that, if we preach to people at all, we must get them to come to us somehow. But to make the situation closer still, the priests forbid the people to have anything to do with us or to even come about us; so it can be seen at once how our work is narrowed down. Now the medical work has proven a great help in breaking down prejudice and reaching all classes of people, to say nothing of the relief of suffering.

Understanding my purpose thoroughly these two churches called me to be their pastor while I was pursuing my medical studies in Memphis. So when the school term closed for this year I came down to live at Sardis where I could do better service as pastor. Bro. Wesson made such a

fine pastor that it is no easy thing to follow him. When school opens again in the fall I will go back and forth into Memphis, attending the lectures, but making this my home.

How proud I feel of our State's record on Foreign Missions, more than \$16,000.00. Wasn't it glorious? We are just beginning to see what we can do. "Arise and let us be going."

R. W. HOOKER.

Canton, China.

My Dear Brother:—I am a little late in writing my report for the last quarter, owing to press of work.

Early in January Mrs. Simmons and I spent a week at Shiu hing. While there I held a Bible class, with 20 members in attendance. We studied First Corinthians in the morning and in the afternoon and evening we had preaching. There were three or four sermons preached at each meeting. The congregations were specially large at night. On the Lord's Day three were received and baptized. Since that time three others have been received and baptized there.

In February I attended the association, which was held at Sai-nam. It was a good meeting. The Sai-nam church has bought a house which they hope to convert into a chapel, or tear it down and build a new one, as they may be able, later.

We hurried home to begin the spring class. There were 36 on the role and at night the number was more than doubled, by women and outside people attending. The last week of the class Bro. Chambers preached at night. We had invited the people of the neighborhood to these meetings. The chapel was well filled and the people listened attentively. I think a fine impression was made. This is the beginning of more widespread effort in the same kind of work at other chapels.

Our preachers' class enrolled 18 the first day and two others have joined since. Dr. Greene teaches Old Testament, He Sui wan teaches Christian Doctrine and Homiletics and I teach New Testament. Bro. He seems to be developing into a good teacher. Some of these brethren give promise of real usefulness.

I have preached only 33 times, but this represents a small part of my work.

Dr. and Mrs. Graves sailed from Hong-kong by the steamship China on March 25th. Pastor Fung Chak and I will preach at the city chapel and Ngsinsai chapels on alternate Sundays.

I trust the Board has granted the one thousand dollars for a chapel in the west end for Bros. Greene and Chambers. They must have a place for preaching up there.

Praying God to bless you and your work, and asking an interest in our behalf, I am,

Yours fraternally,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

Fault Finding.

My dear readers, did you know that fault finding was one of the greatest sins committed among God's people? And

why? Because it breaks the bonds of unity. We have been taught that united we stand, divided we fall. Fault finding is a great sin of commission. A faultfinder will talk about his neighbor. He will say that man, or that woman, as the case may be, is not right; he has the big head, or he is stuck up, or he is a hypocrite; if that fellow is running the school meeting I will have nothing to do with it, for he will soon run it in the ground; or, if Mr. B. is at the school meeting I will not go, there is no use, for he has a tongue as long as a fence rail; he will carry the thing his way; I will stay at home; I will not go to church to-day, the old brother that is to preach to-day always did weary me, he preaches so long and he always wastes money. All such remarks is a great sin and should be avoided. The gentleman or lady that is always finding fault should examine themselves and see if they haven't got a faulty heart. There may be Christians that are faultfinders. If so, we must admit that there are faulty Christians.

Look out, brother, we may get in a close place to be a Christian. We learn from God's Holy Book that we are to love our fellow-man; we are to love our neighbor as ourselves; owe no man anything but to love him; we know we are Christians because we love the brethren. Then if we are always finding fault of our neighbors, and saying hard things about the brethren, and the preachers, we are not loving them very much, and probably not enough to know that we are Christians. Where there is fault finding union is broken, so let us consider that every one has his own faults, and that is his own business, and let us realize that the God of heaven and earth is the Great Judge and the only Judge, when the great day of account shall come, and we shall be gathered together before the judgment bar of God to give an account for the deeds done in the body we will not be finding fault then, we will be listening for God to find the faults, and he will find them all. We should overcome faults with deeds of kindness.

O. PARRISON.

Whites, Miss.

Field Notes.

GREENVILLE—This church so long pastorless is soon to have regular services again. Rev. Borum, of Tennessee, is expected on the field and to begin work on first Sabbath in June. THE BAPTIST tramp hereby welcomes him in advance and wishes him a pleasant and profitable pastorate. The tramp had learned that "the father of waters" had subsided to such extent that he would be in no danger and so adventured himself into the city by the sea. It is remarkable how quickly the country resumes its normal state after an overflow. A stranger would hardly dream that only a few weeks had passed since almost the entire city was submerged and in many homes the water was from 12 to 3 ft. deep in the dwellings. The people are as calm and serene as if nothing unusual had occurred. The farmer, instead of bemoaning

the ill fortune of overflow, claims that it inured to his benefit. The mule and the negro are in evidence everywhere now. Planting cotton with the expectation of making more than can be reaped in the season "THE BAPTIST" friends were all found in cheerful mood. A day and night spent most pleasantly with friends and then away to

LELAND—Bishop Barnett was just in from the Convention. Said he was sick—guess from over indulgence—fed too high—anyway he didn't want anything to eat. A day spent here was quite pleasant and not without some profit to THE BAPTIST. Barnett preaches for the saints at Leland and Arcola, and speaks hopefully of the work.

INDIANOLA.—The beloved E. T. Mobberly is quite happy in his work and is much esteemed by the saints. He preaches also at Rolling Fork, where he is building a house for the Lord. It is always a joy to meet Mobberly, he is so pleasant and brotherly. Together, we tramped around over the city looking in on the good people and greatly to the profit of "THE BAPTIST." The tramp had the pleasure of preaching for his people.

But the folks of Bowling Green await the coming of the tramp. The Sabbath is spent here and quite a nice congregation hears the word preached.

Bat enough,

O. M. LUCAS.

Itinerary of Landrum P. Leavell in Coldwater Association—May 24-31.

Longtown Sunday, 11 a. m., May 24th.
Arkabutla, Sunday night, May 24th.
Coldwater, 10 a. m., May 25th.
Mt. Zion, Monday night, May 25th.
Luxahoma, Tuesday night, May 26th.
Como, Wednesday night, May 27th.
Senatobia, Thursday night, May 28th.
Hernando, Friday night, May 28th.
Olive Branch, Saturday night, May 30th.
Byhalia, Sunday, a. m., May 31st.
Red Banks, Sunday afternoon, May 31st.

R. L. BUNYARD.

Como, Miss.

"What of the Night?"

The day breaks. What a splendid showing Mississippi Baptists have made for Foreign Missions this year—giving more than was asked for, and more than ever before in a single year. Put us down for \$15,000 next year. In some directions millions are beginning to roll up for missions. May the time speedily dawn when large sums for Christian education shall be duplicated for Foreign Missions. While Christ did not found a College, He did constitute a church and defined its purpose to be evangelism and edification in righteousness. Education has been stressed out of all proportion, while evangelism has been neglected. There are signs potent with hope that the churches of Jesus Christ are going to do more directly and enthusiastically what Christ said do—make disciples, baptize them, teach them loyalty to Him in all things.

E. B. MILLER.

Aunt Susan's System.

BY MRS. A. M. R.

Kittie Gracie was a girl who was always on the lookout for thorns among the roses and for clouds of sunshiny days. Yes, she spent the most of her time dwelling upon her misfortunes which were generally imaginary, because not many real ones had crossed her path. Such a disposition, besides making one's self and others miserable causes the unfortunate owner, who strives not to overcome it, to grow selfish, uncharitable, and in many ways remiss concerning duty. Greatly blessed with every comfort of life and a healthy constitution, she could have spent the years gone beyond recall in doing many an act of kindness, unperformed, which would have crowded out these unhappy thoughts of self.

If Kittie's disposition was the worst enemy she had to conquer, perhaps her best earthly friend was an aunt well-known to the community at large, as well as to herself, by the name of Aunt Susan, greatly beloved by her wide circle of acquaintances for her cheerful ways, and beneficent deeds. Every one considered it a puzzle how this dear old lady contrived to do more acts of kindness than anyone else, though others seemed equally anxious to lend their aid, if in their power, where any Christian was expected to comply, should they be asked at any time.

New, Kittie was very fond of reading and could appreciate any gem of thought which she ran across. But strangely enough though familiar with so many beautiful ideas she failed to put many of them into practice. She, like a great many of us, was blinded with the fancy that learning and rehearsing pretty thoughts was a great help, forgetting that the most important part is to imbibe them into our lives.

One day Kittie, while sitting in her pretty rocker—with its cherry ribbons run in and out, terminating in big bows at the sides—was, for the time being lifted above any feeling of melancholy. Presently, she looked up and said:—"Aunt Susan, this is good, isn't it? I believe I'll write it down in my book of memory verses. Have you time for me to read it to you?"

"Yes, Kittie, did the good woman dusting the while with the pretty new tissue paper duster which she had recently presented to her niece, hoping that its bright exterior would encourage her to use it—"less have anything that is good this morning." Then Kittie read the familiar lines—

"O, that that day lost
Whose low descending sun
Vies from thy hand,
No worthy action done."

Aunt Susan dropped into the nearest seat and foreseeing a needed lesson in the verses which she desired to extract for Kittie's benefit, at once prepared to have a talk of some length.

"If those lines are true," said she, "how many days have you lost, my dear? My thoughts wander back to my own girlhood similar to yours, and how I wish that

some one had then, directed my rudderless, but well-meaning life into systematic channels, for the want of which I missed so many opportunities for doing good—opportunities alas! never to return!"

"Why aunt, I am surprised to hear you speak of the short comings of your youthful days—you know this whole country thinks you simply perfect."

"Hush! wily flatterer! I strive to be, I want to be, but I am far from being perfect, child. Still I have learned to turn my opportunities to account better than I could do in the days gone by. I used to be just a thoughtless girl like yourself, and I wish you to profit by my mistakes so you will not have as many regrets to express to another some day."

"Well, how shall I begin? I'm listening." "As I did, Kittie, but do not wait until you are an old woman like myself before you start; you only need to adopt a system. Will you lay down the book now, and give me your whole attention?"—This with a gentle push of the hand holding the book.

"Wait, let me mark my place, there, now! I'm ready."

"Not very long ago," began Aunt Susan, "the Program Committee of our Aid Society requested the members to keep a diary of our deeds, for two weeks. I, like some others, only kept the diary a few days, doing, during the specified time only a few things for God, not really worth recording. My time was taken up, principally, with home duties, and my conscience, then, acquitted me, for these duties crowded out others, and seemed to be my entire mission. I now see that I was wrong and that I could have found time to do more good outside of the home circle, if I had then systematized the Lord's work as I now do.

"I find it easy, and understand what a great privilege it is, to do something special for Him nearly every day—and I hope to say every day before, long. I can now see how much time we all lose, simply because we haven't a system. It helps out any kind of work. You will be benefitted and find the task pleasant by following my plan.

"Won't you follow it just one month and see how it works?"

"Now, that depends, Auntie," replied Kittie, "let me first hear your plan."

"Here's what you are to do. Each month take a fresh sheet of paper and write at the top the name of the month. Under this write, and remember, the names of the sick, sad, and otherwise unfortunate persons in the community or elsewhere, making a note of some act of kindness you can do each one, be it ever so small an act. Also add names of persons to whom it is your Christian duty to write, and offer a word of cheer or more substantial aid as you see fit. Spend less money on the fortunate and send a present to some needy person. Invite to your home the unfortunate—put down the ideas whenever they come to you; and last but not least, always put down the name of your pastor's family and remember the members of his family, in some way, if ever so small, each month.

"Each day check off, and carry into effect, one or more of these suggested kindnesses, any that best suits your convenience and inclination, unless duty indicates some special names that will not bear putting off.

"At the end of the month perhaps you will have done more Christian acts than you have before in a year, and if you do not stop with a month, but with years, or a life time, think of the good you will have done, forgotten of course by yourself, but recorded to your credit—elsewhere!"

"Why, that seems simple enough, I'll try it now." So saying Kittie ran for a sheet of paper and wrote February at the top.

This conversation took place one month ago. At the end of the month, just arrived, she brings the paper with 34 duties written to perform and 18 were checked out. Somewhat discouraged she handed the paper to her aunt.

"See how I've tried and this is all I've done!" The good aunt adjusting her glasses, began the perusal of Kittie's paper, her countenance beaming brighter as her eyes followed each line down the paper. "Why, hurrah! That's splendid for your first attempt—better than mine was. You make your March list out, writing down with your new ideas, those unperformed from the February program, and carry out as many as you can next time."

We cannot be successful in anything without system and how can we be good servants of the Lord without observing some degree of order? Cannot some more of us join this chain, and realize the pleasures derived from "Aunt Susan's System?" Gloster, Miss., March 15, 1903.

Bro. A. T. Camp's Questions Answered.

BY L. L. BOONE.

I do not hesitate to state that the questions propounded, involve the very foundation stone of the whole superstructure upon which the church of Christ is built and assures its perpetuity; hence to answer the questions aright is to announce to the world the doctrine—the sunlight, around which all other doctrines revolve and receive their essential light. My answer must be brief.

Question No. 1. "What church did Christ's baptism initiate him into?" As John baptized Jesus it is beyond cavil to question John's authority. See Matthew 21:23-25. Christ's baptism initiated him into the work purposed of God before the world was, which work was finished on the cross and the baptism of Christ symbolized the finished work and the work of Christ was to build a church and then to give his life; the church, therefore, was established in the crucifixion, commissioned at the ascension and set up on the day of "Pentecost," when they were all filled with the Holy Ghost! And Peter then and there preached the first Gospel sermon to the church, built by Christ Jesus the divine architect, in its completeness, fully organized and at work and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. John's baptism had only an indirect bearing or relation to the church and that was

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only a glimmer in the mission upon which he was sent. Sent not by a church, but was filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb and his mission was "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:17. Therefore John's baptism did not initiate any one into the church. He was only preparing a people for the Lord out of which he would build his church. See Matthew 16:18.

The answer to question No. 1 also answers Nos. 2 and 3. However, I will ask the reader to bear in mind this scripture: "John came into all the country about Jordan preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" and John's authority was the Word of God. Luke 3:1-18.

Question No. 4. Does baptism make people members of Baptist churches, or is it a condition of membership? Answer: Neither. People join the Baptist church by consent of its members, upon this condition: that they be baptized. Therefore it takes both the consent of the church by vote and baptism to constitute membership. It is also a symbol of membership of the church triumphant.

Question No. 5. When, where, and by whom was the first church organized? Answer: It was born in the death of Jesus the Christ the Son of the living God. Ephesians 5:25-27. The church thus established was set up and commissioned at the ascension: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature; He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." The Lord Jesus after his baptism called out his selected and elected ones (one of this number a devil from the beginning), selected but not elected to membership in the Kingdom of the Lord; these the elect He had chosen as material to be moulded and prepared under His direct instruction for His church, unto whom when finished and duly empowered to enter upon the work, He would give the commission to preach the Gospel and leave the ordinances He instituted for their observation and sacred preservation. This church built up of Christ had the keys to the kingdom of heaven, which was a complete knowledge of the sacrificial work of Christ from baptism to crucifixion and this is the Gospel—the finished work of Christ on the cross.

This church, established and set up and commissioned to preach the Gospel, were told not to depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me, Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. This baptism would and did qualify them to bear the messages of the Lord of Glory to a world hid in darkness.

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Now the church is organized and fully equipped with knowledge of all the truths of the Gospel and with power by the an-

ointing of the Holy Ghost, and Peter then and there preached the first Gospel sermon under the auspices of the first organized church, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and 3,000 converted and the "Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Pentecostal Shower. Amen.

Question No. 6. Can there be a church ordinance when there is no church to enforce it? Answer: There can not be church ordinance until there is church, yet where there is no organized church God's ambassadors can instruct in the Gospel and baptize under his commission and organize a church.

Question No. 7. If baptism was administered before there was a church is it then a church ordinance? Answer: Since the organization of the church on the day of Pentecost it has been a church ordinance.

John was a promised son to Zacharias by the angel of the Lord at whose birth many should rejoice, and he should be great in the sight of the Lord and should be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb, and to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." Preparing the way of the Lord and to make his paths straight—therefore, John said, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (This baptism is explained in the next verse—Luke 3:17.) Therefore, John was working under divine guidance or instruction, therefore fully qualified by the Lord of glory to baptize Jesus, the beloved Son of God thus instituting the Christian or Christ baptism and thus establishing it as an ordinance of the church that He was now at this moment of His baptism laying the foundation stone (in symbol) upon which He would build His church out of a people prepared unto whom John preached the baptism of repentance, now by this His introduction into His ministry of a sacrificial work finished in crucifixion and its stupendous truths confirmed in the resurrection and approved of by God the Father and He anointed by the Holy Ghost. Is it not a fact that the Jesus the beloved Son of God, instituted this the Christian ordinance and gave it to His church to be forever observed when He gave the commission on the eve of His blessed ascension? Go preach the Gospel and to baptize all who believe. Baptism is not a declaration of church membership, but of death to sin and a new life in Christ Jesus.

Lastly, As to the baptism of Campbellites, I will only say this. There is a pole between us and we are opposite ends. They say baptism washes away sins. We baptize because sins have been washed away in the blood of the crucified Son of God through faith by the grace of the Much Beloved Son, and baptism beautifully and powerfully symbolizes this precious truth. Praise the Lord.

L. L. BOONE.

"Ecclesia, The Church"

Is the title of one of Dr. B. H. Carroll's lectures to the students in his Theological class in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. It has been printed as a little booklet and given to the public. I am especially grateful to the distinguished author for a complimentary copy which I have read and carried about with me, and re-read until I have well worn out its cover and yet I must read it some more.

Dr. Carroll never writes a measley thing, for the reason that he always goes down to the deepest bottom of his subject and out into its most intricate and remote ramifications. If this argument does not knock out completely, and forever, that gigantic brand the "universal invisible spiritual church" now and then it is because Dr. Carroll has not said the last word; there is for him to say. With his present solid rock-like footing and iron-handed holding none shall be able to drive him from the Scriptural and baptistic ground of the divinely built and divinely preserved local church in its thousands, even millions of units and identified personalities. That there is an "universal invisible spiritual church" he freely admits but shows unmistakably that it is only in prospect with any of its members as yet only in the disembodied state but none of them here among us in earthly habiliments or carnal conditions.

I have before studied this subject not a little, have preached a few times and published a few short articles on it and related subjects and am glad to say that I have found nothing in Dr. Carroll's tract to differ in any essential particular from my own investigation and conclusions. I greatly admire the spirit of the discussion and especially its freedom from offensive dogmatism or humptious self-assertion and am heartily willing to give him this commendation, not even admitting that I possibly might differ with him on some or any other points" and thus leave a hole to get out at if I might sometimes in the future want to form a compromise conclusion for a big fight. "Let God be true and every man a liar."

In love,

J. A. H.

What are those large boxes seen almost daily going to and from the freight depots in our busy city? Why, they are boxes which contain pianos and organs going to and from Patton & White's music emporium at 318 East Capitol street. When in the city do not fail to call on them, examine their fine line of musical instruments and talk with them. They are affable gentlemen and will take great pains to show you their goods and give you all desired information in their line of business. We travel all over the State, and find their pianos and organs almost everywhere we go. It is gratifying to hear on every hand expressions of entire satisfaction with the instruments sold by these gentlemen. Considering the large amount of satisfaction and entertainment afforded by a good organ or piano and the low prices at which they are now sold, it is a wonder that one or the other is not found in every home. Write to this wide-awake firm for styles and prices of goods.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

W. J. ROBINSON.

Acts 26:1-29—May 24, 1903.

Paul before Agrippa.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.*—Acts 26:24. For exposition see the lesson.

Read very carefully chapters 25 and 26. No one can claim to have mastered a verse or chapter of the Bible until he has mastered the context. The few verses selected for "the lesson" are only intended as a central point from which to study.

19. *Whereupon, O King Agrippa, Paul here refers to his marvelous conviction and conversion (Acts 26:1-19). I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.* Paul was a man of intense convictions; he believed he should persecute Christians, and he did so; he was convicted of sin and he confessed it; he was convicted of duty and he discharged it at the cost of his life. Great conviction is necessary to great execution. We should receive the Bible as he did the heavenly vision.

20. *But sheered first unto them of Damascus, when he went to persecute but he came to convert.* Note, the persecutor became instantly a preacher, and at Jerusalem, the place where he was educated and where he began his career of persecution, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, territory of Judea and then to the Gentiles, here he began foreign mission operations. *That they should repent. Make full and complete acknowledgment of their sin, and turn to God.* It is not enough to forsake sin, but we must make a choice of God, and do works meet for repentance. Live such a life as to prove that our profession to have forsaken sin is genuine.

21. *For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple and went about to kill me.* Paul convicted them of their sin, but men never hesitate to use bad means to justify themselves, and so they accused Paul of crime.

22. *Having therefore help of God.* He formed an alliance with God thus guaranteeing success. *We should do likewise. I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great.* Paul was little concerned about whom he preached to, but much concerned that he preached. It is essential to preach Christ, not to have a large audience. *Saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come.* He had one message—the Word of God—for all. The gospel is always appropriate regardless of nationality or condition. The Jews had wrested the Scriptures and consequently denied their true meaning.

23. *That Christ should suffer.* (see Isa. 53.) The Jews were not looking for a suffering Messiah, but for a political deliverer; they wanted material things, not spiritual. *That he should be the first to rise from the dead.* The Jews had become such materialists as to overlook the doctrine of the resurrection. A large body denied it. When it did occur they made no serious attempt to dispute it, but ignored it. It is a sad

spectacle to see anyone ignore spiritual things to his eternal destruction. *Should show light unto the people and to the Gentiles.* That Jesus is the only true intellectual, moral and spiritual light experience demonstrates.

24. *And as he thus spake for himself Paul used his misfortune as a means of preaching Christ to others. Festus said with a loud voice, Paul thou art beside thyself, much learning doth make thee mad.* Festus cared nothing for spiritual religion and he imagined Paul was a speculative philosopher. Many of God's most zealous and faithful servants have been regarded as cranks.

25. *But he said I am not mad, most noble Festus.* This expression is a model of courtesy and self-control. *But speak forth the words of truth and soberness.* Paul felt that he must use every opportunity well. Laymen as well as ministers should always seek to make the most of every opportunity to speak a word for Christ.

26. *For the king (Agrippa) knoweth these things.* He had been trained in the Jewish religion. *For I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.* Christianity is the embodiment of rectitude and there could be no reason for hiding its doings.

27. *King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.* His belief was lacking either in understanding, or conviction, most likely the latter.

28. *Then Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.* Almost persuaded and not fully is worse than no conviction at all.

A Good Day.

I met Hebron Church, in Yazoo County, last Sunday for the second time, having been called to that work the 1st Sunday in April. After the Sunday-school, which was good, the pastor had the pleasure of trying to present the bread of life to a crowded house, while many had to remain out. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Home and State Missions, amounting to \$16.20. The church then presented Judge W. W. Coody and T. G. Hilderbrand to be ordained deacons. Having failed to secure any ministerial help, the pastor called upon Brethren P. G. Hilderbrand, the senior deacon of Hebron and J. A. Long, and E. F. Lane, deacons of Lula to assist, which number constituted the presbytery. This work being finished, we adjourned for dinner, which was bountifully served to the enjoyment of all.

At 2:30 we again assembled in the house to worship.

Hebron church has the Spirit of Christ and is alive to good works. We hope to have such a day at Liverpool next Sunday, with the exception of the ordination of deacons, and will welcome any that will come.

Yours for Work.
B. A. McCULLOUGH.

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Well my people are thoughtful. So they are sending me to the Southern Baptist Convention by furnishing me with the money necessary to make the trip. They live in Brookhaven, Union Hall and Kentwood, La. They work together, you see.

Last Sunday was a good day at Brookhaven. The Lord came into the sanctuary with His presence. Two were received by letter and one by experience. Last night, (Monday) the young and old, came to our house with their hands filled with good things and their faces bright with the joy of blessing May and as I looked at the happy throng I felt the sweet and gentle touch of the springtime come again into my own heart.

May God bless every one by making you as happy as you have made us.

R. H. PURSER.

Mississippi College Commencement.

The Commencement exercises this year will begin Friday night, May the 22nd., and close Tuesday, May the 26th. The Commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. George B. Eager, of Louisville, Ky., Sunday, May the 24th. The graduating exercises of Hillman College will be Monday night the 23th, those of Mississippi College Tuesday morning the 26th. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday morning the 25th, at 9 o'clock.

All friends of the College are invited to attend Commencement.

Truly,

W. T. LOWREY.

Hillman College Commencement.

Saturday, May 23rd, 8 p. m.—Musical Concert.

Sunday, May 24th, 11 a. m.—Commencement Sermon by Dr. Geo. B. Eager, Louisville, Ky.

Sunday, May 24th, 8 p. m.—Missionary Sermon by Dr. Geo. B. Eager, Louisville, Kentucky.

Monday, May 25th, 8 p. m.—Commencement Exercises.

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Notice.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Columbus Association is to convene at 2:30 p. m., on Friday, May 29th, at New Salem Church twelve miles Northeast of Columbus. Those attending will be met at Steens, at 11 a. m., on Friday, and conveyed to the church, eight miles distant. The ladies actively interested in Mission work are requested to meet with us.

H. J. VANLANDINGHAM.

Natchez.

Evangelist T. T. Martin was with us just twelve days and the Lord used him to do a great work in our city. He is without a superior as an expounder of God's Word and is a charming preacher. Any church is fortunate that can get his services. He made many friends among all creeds, and yet he shunned not to declare "the whole counsel of God."

The church received thirty-one into its fellowship and others were converted who will join later. The church had received twelve just before the meeting began, making forty-three who have recently come out on the Lord's side. It may also be stated that just before any of these were received the church withdrew fellowship from three who were not walking orderly. We believe in both addition and subtraction. God be praised.

Yours for State Missions and the July Convention,

GEO. B. BUTLER.

May 15th, 1903.

A. U. BOONE.

Delta Workers' Conference will meet at Sumner, Miss., May 29-31.

The 65th annual Commencement of the Judson Institute, Marion, Ala., will take place May 24-28.

Chancellor Wm. F. McDowell will be one of the speakers at the Conference for Missionary Leaders which is to be held at Silver Bay, Lake George, July 22-31.

The announcement folder of the commencement exercises of the 50th session of Hillman College, May 23-25, is the most artistically gotten up of any which have come to this office.

Rev. W. R. Dobyns, D. D., of St. Joseph, Mo., and Rev. H. F. Williams, of Nashville, Tenn., will have charge of the Bible Study hour at the Lookout Mountain Missionary Conference in July.

We acknowledge an invitation to be present at the marriage of Miss Annie Laurie Long to Mr. Geo. Pierce Tumlin, on Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd, 1903, at half after 3 o'clock, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

It would afford us peculiar pleasure to be present at closing exercises of Blue Mountain Female College, Wednesday evening, June third and Thursday, June fourth, 1903, College Hall, Blue Mountain, Miss., but other engagements will prevent.

Mr. John Willis Baer, formerly Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and now Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Young People's Missionary Movement.

Bro. Kincannon writes: "The Lexington Church is looking forward with pleasure to the coming of Rev. T. M. Compton next Sunday to begin a series of revival services. Let God's people pray for an abundant blessing upon our efforts for his glory in these meetings."

In the death of Judge H. C. Conn, of Hazlehurst, the Baptists of Mississippi sustain a great loss. He was president of the State Convention and will be greatly missed when the Baptist hosts shall assemble in Yazoo City in July.

I take pleasure in announcing the marriage of Pastor L. G. Gates, of Senatobia, Miss., and Miss Jessie Hemphill, of Marlin, Texas. The ceremony was performed by the writer in the parlors of Gaston's Hotel, Memphis, May 18, 1903. I heartily join the many friends of this promising young minister and his accomplished bride in congratulations and best wishes. They were accompanied by Bro. Mitchell and his wife, of Senatobia, with whom the happy couple will make their home.

State Prohibition.

The State Prohibition Committee would like very much to have a list of the candidates for office from every County in the State. Will not the Baptist pastor at every County site send me such a list? Clip from your County paper the list of announcements, mark the post-offices, in so far as you know them, and send the list to me at once, please. If you know others who are not announced in the paper, please, include their addresses.

Truly,

W. T. LOWREY.

Chairman, State Prohibition Committee.

State Prohibition.

To Mississippians:

Only a small number of counties in Mississippi now license the dram-shop. In most of these, it is not in every one of them, a majority of the grown white people, including men and women, are opposed to dram-shops, and would prefer that their county should be without them. The women cannot vote, but surely on an issue like this their wishes should be respected. The dram-shop is a nuisance. It is an evil only. Shall we continue to license it in Mississippi? That is the question.

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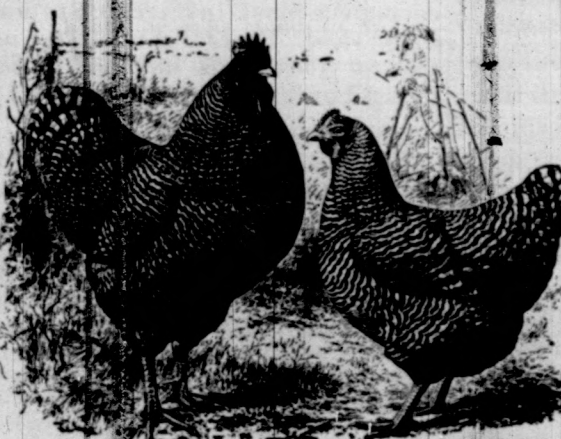
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Daily Bible Readings.

Monday. All nature in gloom. Mat thew 2:45-50; Luke 23:44-46. Compare Psalm 22:1.

Tuesday. Jesus holds up His spirit. Mark 16:33-37; Luke 19:28-30. Compare John 17:4.

Wednesday. Assignment at the strange phenomena. Matthew 27:51-56; Mark 15:49-43 (Luke 23:47-49). Compare Matthew 9:8.

Thursday. Side Jesus pierced. John 19:34-37. Compare John 12:10.

Friday. Joseph makes Jesus' body. Mark 16:7-17; John 19:38-42. Compare Luke 24:25.

Saturday. Burial of Jesus. Matthew 27:57-66; Luke 23:55. Compare Isaiah 53:9.

Sunday. Missionary Meeting. Missions in the Southern States.

Altitude. Topic. The Promise to Those who Keep. Psalm 42:10-17.

Sunday School Lesson. The Life-Giving Spirit. Romans 8:34.

Atlanta, Jan. 9-12!

The railroad will give a one-fare ride.

For a full account of the Southern B. V. U. meeting in Savannah see last week's issue of this paper.

But for the fact that our State Convention meets at the same time that the International B. V. U. meets in Atlanta, we would go to Atlanta by the hundreds.

Prof. McGuffin, who delivered a very powerful address at Savannah on "The Baptist Principle of the Future," promised to be present at our meeting in Meridian in November and deliver it there. It is worth repeating all around the world whenever man is gone.

If you do not give us "Reports of Progress" in your work do you not know that there can be no progress? Do give out to the public frequent accounts of what you are doing. It will stimulate others to good work. It may.

There will be thousands of Baptists in Atlanta on the above-named date. They will come from every State and Territory of the United States, and Canada. They will be among the brightest and best of our kind and will richly repay all those who go to see and hear them and mingle with them for a few days. Unless all signs fail, there will be more Baptists in Atlanta on that occasion than have ever been seen in one place before.

If you and your Union took the examinations why don't you tell us about it whether you will get the banner or not?

Meridian. Some weeks since we sent in a report of the organization of the Baptist Young People's Union of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church of this city. Since making this report our Union has grown greatly, both in spiritual and numerical strength. We organized with thirty members, and now carry on the roll about fifty, which we think is very good for so young a Union.

Have been organized scarcely a month, yet there are signs of good work, which has been and is being done.

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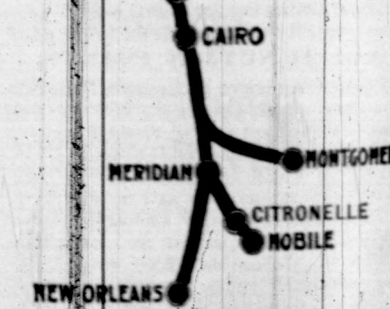
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At his home near Oklauld, Miss., on the 20th day of February, 1903, Bro. John F. Burnette, in his 57th year.

He was a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church 30 years, a consistent Christian, ever ready to sing praises to his Lord and do His will.

A beautiful and impressive service, full of consolation and encouragement to his bereaved was conducted by Bro. H. W. Rockett in the church.

He leaves a wife, nine children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Lewis Sibley.

On Monday morning, April 26, 1903, the death angel visited the home of Bro. and Sister J. L. Sibley and claimed as his victim little Lewis, age six. Lewis was a bright little boy and even at the age of six gave evidences of conversion. He expressed no fear of death but seemed to be very much concerned about the grief it would cause "Mama and Papa." Besides father, mother and sisters, a great number of friends mourn for him. But friends dry away your tears. He and "sister," who preceded him, are waiting over there for you.

His Pastor,
J. W. S.

Mrs. Ella A. Furr.

WHEREAS, God in His wisdom has removed from her earthly home Sister Ella A. Furr; and

WHEREAS, She was a deacon's wife, of Anner Baptist Church; therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of Sister Furr Anner Church has lost one of its most faithful and beloved members.

2nd. That while we sadly deplore our loss we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

3rd. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathies and commend them to the God of all comfort.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the bereaved family recorded in the church book and sent to THE BAPTIST for publication.

The subject of this sketch was born April 30, 1868, was baptized by J. H. Anding into the fellowship of Bahala Baptist Church, was married to I. H. Furr December 21, 1884. Died February 7, 1903, 34 years, 9 months and 7 days old.

G. P. STEWART.

Married.

Broadaway—Mullens.

Near Eden, Miss., May 3, 1903, 5:30 p. m., Mr. S. J. Broadaway and Miss Mamie Mullens were united in marriage. W. J. Derrick performing the ceremony.

Montgomery—Holmes.

At the home of the bride's parents in East McComb City, May the 14, 1903, Mr. Sam Montgomery to Miss Myrtle

Holmes, the writer officiating. We wish them a happy and prosperous life and pray God's richest blessings upon them.
J. B. QUIN.

Atkinson—Eckles.

Mr. W. B. Atkinson and Miss Nannie R. Eckles, both of Brownsville, Miss., were united in marriage at the bride's home on April 29, 1903, by Chas. L. Lewis.

Tomlinson—Smith.

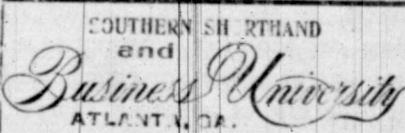
Rev. Tom Tomlinson to Miss Stella Virginia Smith on Sunday, May the 10. May God protect them and direct them through a long and useful life.

J. E. WILLS.

Whittington—Dodds.

At the residence of the bride's father Dr. A. M. Dodds, on Sunday afternoon, May the 3, the writer officiating, Mr. L. A. Whittington and Miss Edie Dodds were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. We predict for them a bright future, as they are both highly accomplished. Mr. Whittington is soon to enter the legal profession, for which he is well prepared. God bless these young Baptists, is the prayer of their pastor.
O. N. HARRINGTON.

Veto, Miss.



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Woman's Center Committee:

Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President,
Meridian; Mrs. W. R. Woods,
Secretary, Meridian.

Program.

May, 1903.

Subject—Missions in Southern States.

"It is worth while giving your life to make this a noble country for God and for man."—Ralph W. Hoar.

1. Bible Reading: Women as Helpers, Ex. 35:22-26; 1 Tim. 17:9-16; Luke 1:38; John 4:28-30; Acts 9:36; Rom. 16:1-6.

2. Thanksgiving: For encouragement of the Bible.

Petition: That unused talents may be consecrated to God.

3. Fifteen minute song service.

4. Thoughts for Prayer: America needs the Gospel more than any other country because of what it owes under obligation to do for others. 30 years ago, there were only 63,000 Christians in the South; now 263,000. Christians have the means of pushing every needed reform to victory. Are we doing our part?

5. Lecture: "Early Training, or, the Education and Conversion of a Catholic."

6. Discussion of Lecture.

7. Prayers: "The Needs of This Society." (For information refer to reports of State Board.)

8. Prayer for Home and State missionaries and for those whom they are trying to reach.

9. Minutes of last meeting, etc.

10. Consider: Is our Society growing? If not, why not? Plan for interesting the uninterested.

11. Remember in Prayer S. B. C. and W. M. F. meeting at Savannah, Ga., May 8-12.

12. Closing Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 8, 1903.

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Baptist Convention, held their first meeting this morning, in the lecture room of the Independent Presbyterian Church.

In the absence of Mrs. Chas. A. Stakely, president of the Union, Mrs. J. H. Eager, of Baltimore, occupied the chair.

Mrs. Wm. Royal Powell, of Georgia, delivered a very beautiful address of welcome, which was responded to in a few appropriate words, by Mrs. Wheeler, of Tennessee. Holding in her hand a lovely bouquet of pink carnations, the gift of the Savannah ladies, Mrs. Wheeler said, "The flowers speak for themselves."

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. John Moss, of Georgia.

After the acceptance of official reports, and the appointment of committees, the following missionaries were recognized by the Union: Mrs. Lumbley, of Africa; Miss Terry, of Indian Territory; Miss Barnett, of New Orleans; Miss Bulmaier, of Baltimore.

Mrs. G. W. Truett, of Texas, read a paper on "The Demand for Trained Women Workers," which was followed by several brief talks on the same subject.

Mrs. J. L. Burnham, of Missouri, presented the object for which the ladies are asked to make their offering—namely, the building of a missionary home in the Hakka field, South China. Our lamented Brother Williams was the appointed worker for this field. A large number of pledges were made by representatives of States and of local soci-

eties. Our State secretary, Mrs. W. R. Woods, pledged Mississippi for seventy-five dollars.

The entire business having been finished, Miss Armstrong stated that she desired to present to the ladies a matter for their serious consideration, and this done, she begged the privilege of retiring. She said that Dr. Willingham had sent to her, in behalf of the three Boards, the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars, as a remuneration for the year's work. This was, to her, a complete surprise, and she had promptly declined to accept the gift, for the following reason: She had been chosen by the Woman's Missionary Union, as their secretary, with the understanding that she was to receive no salary.

Circumstances now make it necessary that she receive pecuniary return for work in same line for the future, but she insisted upon finishing out the year as Secretary of W. M. U., upon the same basis as that upon which she had hitherto worked. She besought the ladies to consider the matter of a salary to their secretary as entirely apart from herself, as she would be out of office on Monday. After the retirement of Miss Armstrong, and the offering of earnest prayer, the ladies voted unanimously in favor of the payment of a salary to a secretary, and the matter was referred to the three Boards.

This afternoon, from four to six o'clock, a reception was held in the drawing room of the DeSoto Hotel, in honor of the ladies attending the Convention.

SAVANNAH, GA., May 9, 1903.

The ladies held their meeting this morning in the main audience room of the Independent Presbyterian Church. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. J. L. Burnham, of Missouri, who took as her motto text, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The recommendations of the Foreign and Home Boards are read and approved. Dr. Willingham speaking in behalf of the first and Dr. McConnell of the latter. Mrs. Graves, of Canton, China, was introduced and spoke briefly. Miss Burdette, of Chi-

cago, Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society, spoke at some length, expressing her gratification at being permitted to meet with Southern workers, declaring herself one with us, in Christian love and purpose.

Miss B. Y. Heyde, of South Carolina, spoke on "Juvenile Work." Miss E. L. Amos, of Georgia, introduced the topic of "Work Among Young Ladies." Mrs. A. E. Dickinson, of Virginia, read a letter which she had been requested to prepare, in behalf of the Union, to be sent to all our lady missionaries in foreign lands. A letter was read from Miss Moon, lately returned from China, expressing regret at her inability to be with us, and begging that the ladies emphasize the need of young women as workers in China.

Mrs. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, conducted the collection for the Building and Loan Fund. A considerable sum was pledged, by States, societies and individuals. Mrs. W. R. Woods promised twenty-five dollars for Mississippi and five dollars for herself.

Telegrams of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Williams, of China; Miss Moon, now in Virginia, and a letter of congratulation to Mrs. Stakely, of Alabama.

Mrs. J. H. Eager, acting president of the Union, appointed a committee of seven ladies to confer with a committee from the S. B. C. in regard to the establishing of a training school in the South for young women workers.

(To be continued.)

OSYEA, Miss., April 27, 1903.

Mrs. J. L. JOHNSON, CLINTON, Miss.

Dear Sister—The Ladies Missionary Society of the Baptist Church observed the week of prayer and self denial. We raised the sum of three dollars and forty cents (\$3.40) and forwarded same to Mrs. Woods in Meridian, Miss.

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State Prohibition Committee.

We see in the papers that the State Prohibition Committee met in Jackson Tuesday. An address was issued defining the attitude of the prohibitionists with a stirring appeal to the prohibitionists for vigilant action. It is recommended that county executive committees be organized to secure the election of a legislature favorable to constitutional prohibition. We have not seen the address and supposed that none of the papers have it. The Meridian Evening Star has the following to say:

"The prohibitionists of Mississippi are now engaged in a still hunt for legislative candidates in several of the counties who will agree to vote to submit an amendment for constitutional prohibition if elected at the next session and thus far they have made but little headway with the endeavor.

In nearly every county a large majority of the legislative candidates are anti-prohibitionists, and unless a large amount of campaign work is carried on by the anti-saloon element before August a legislature is likely to be elected that will not even seriously consider the prohibition question.

This fact has caused much alarm in the ranks and results in the effort to get men in the field who are pledged to prohibition."

He is evidently speaking unadvisedly for the prohi's have been waiting for the State Executive Committee to speak out. There are 64 dry counties in Mississippi and no legislator could expect to be elected on the liquor ticket in any of those counties. I suggest for all the counties to have a mass meeting on the first Monday in June at the court house, and elect a County Executive Committee, and where the committee has been selected, let them meet and perfect their organization.

Prohibition.

A friend said, I had a paper I intended bringing you, but I forgot it—He says—is against you, he is fighting constitutional prohibition. It was quite a surprise to me for what I know of him and his father I had a right to expect better of him.

HAS PROHIBITION A LEGITIMATE PLACE IN GOVERNMENT? It is common, both in public

and private to hear men say: "We don't believe in prohibition." Devil's Bibles. He works on for awhile, but at last is discovered. A man from Michigan said "We were just where you all are down here twenty years ago "fighting the liquor traffic, but we quit it and gave up in disgust."

Repressive laws of all sorts have been denounced; laws interdicting the sale of intoxicating liquors more fiercely than any others. Is prohibition something so wide of the mark that it cannot, in any case, be properly recognized amongst the self-defensive resources of society? Are we stepping out from the true sphere and aside from the true end of law when we ask that any given evil may be, not merely regulated, but suppressed?

1. *God admits the principle into His dealings with men.* It is in our moral law. It is in the constitution of nature. It is in our own human structures. The Decalogue opens with an explicit and broad prohibition, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The last commandment is cast in the same mold: "Thou shalt not covet."

The principle of prohibition is clearly recognized by men in their public policies, and it is freely incorporated into the laws which they enact. Following the method of God in His divine legislation, States—all States which have in them any considerable measure of wisdom, or virtue or patriotism—say that certain forms of evil shall have no license nor toleration within their borders. There is no commonwealth in the world whose statute books do not show a large number of prohibitory enactments. There are immoralities, and vices, and crimes of which the State must say, in her most authoritative tones "These things shall not be."

Here is a man who proposes to establish a house of ill-fame. He is going to open a den of pollution and iniquity for the profit of it. He finds a building and rents it. He gathers about him his pimps and his harlots. But just as soon as the fact is known, if the officers of the law are faithful to their duties, the concern is "pulled." It is remorselessly broken up. It is in vain for the man to say with Demetrius the Silversmith: "By this craft we have our wealth." The State says he must quit the whole business. The State prohibits it.

There is a man with some enterprise and skill, but wholly depraved. He publishes obscene books of what might be called "Devil's Bibles." He works on for awhile, but at last is discovered. The law lays her hand on him and says: "Stop." The General Government refuses the right to transmit a single ounce of such literature through the mails. The State does not undertake to regulate the publication and distribution, and sale of obscene books. It undertakes to crush the whole mischievous business out. Would Christian men and women have it otherwise?

Here is another man, of enterprise and skill. He concludes to make or manufacture money. He gets his kit of tools; his dies; his metals; his chemicals and the first thing anybody knows the country is flooded with spurious money. Does the government let him alone? Does the Government say this is well, only the business ought to be under some restriction or control? No. Detectives find him out. Arrest him, if evidence justifies he is convicted, sentenced and sent to prison and the people say "Amen!"

It is the same with scores of evils. We do not "regulate" gambling; we prohibit it. We do not "regulate" murder and theft and highway robbery; we prohibit them. We do not "regulate" arson and riot; we prohibit them. The right to regulate implies the right to prohibit.

Chief Justice Tony said: "If any State deems the retail and internal traffic in ardent spirits

injurious to its citizens, and calculated to produce idleness, vice, or debauchery, I see nothing in the constitution of the United States to prevent it from regulating or restraining the traffic, or from prohibiting it altogether." Justice Cutrod says: "I admit as inevitable that, if the State has the power of restraint by license to any extent, she has the discretionary power to judge of its limits, and may go the length of prohibiting sales altogether." Chief Justice Harrington says: "We have seen no adjudged case which denies the power of a State, in the exercises of its sovereignty, to regulate the traffic in liquor for restraint as well as for revenue; and as a police measure, to restrict or prohibit the sale of liquors as injurious to public morals, or dangerous to public peace."

Can any one question whether the people of a State have a right to pass statutes, or secure Constitutional amendments which go to the extreme of prohibiting the sale, manufacture or giving away in public places intoxicating liquors.

The State is sovereign. God prohibits. Man prohibits. It has a legitimate place in Constitution and laws. Any man that opposes Constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic with voice or pen is working against the best interest of the people of Mississippi, but he will find himself like the pioneer prohibitionists were, very lonesome.

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—The May Fifth Sunday Meeting of Lauderdale County Association will be held with the Poplar Springs Church, beginning on Friday before.

—Rev. J. B. Hall, now in the Seminary, will soon return to Mississippi. He is good here in a meeting. If you wish his services, address him at Louisville, Ky., New York Hall.

—Bro. J. P. Hurt, of Memphis, writes: "I have received a warm and hearty welcome into my new work, and I feel that we are going to have soon one of the strongest churches in Memphis."

—Bro. J. N. McMillin has just closed a ten day's meeting with the Yazoo City Church. Ten received by letter and the church greatly strengthened. The preaching was good and doubtless other results will follow.

—The Commencement Sermon of the Steen's Creek High School, was preached by Rev. W. F. Yarbrough of Jackson. The audience was large and the preacher fully met the expectations of the occasion, as he always does.

—THE BAPTIST acknowledges an invitation to attend the closing exercises of Blue Mountain Female College, Wednesday evening, June third and Thursday, June fourth, 1903, College Hall, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Annual address by T. T. Eaton, D. D. LL. D., of Louisville, Ky. There are 17 graduates.

—Bro. E. Z. Simmons of China, says: "I am anxious to see how our State is coming up on missions. It is about time several new missionaries from Mississippi were coming to China. This would cause our people to take a greater interest in Foreign Missions. Give us some editorials on this subject."

—We were much impressed with one thing on the printed order of services at the Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, for May the 10th. It was this: "Rev. James Young Fair, D. D., pastor. Foreign Missionaries: Rev. W. H. Hu's in, Kashing, China; Rev. M. B. Grier, Hsuehoufu, China." One church supporting three pastors—one at home and two on foreign fields.

—Bro. Crouch says:—"Our meeting begins the fourth Sunday in this month. The pastor will preach for one week. Then Dr. Fred D. Hale will preach for

two weeks. We are expecting a great meeting. H. A. Wolfsohn of Atlanta, Ga., will lead the singing. Bro. Wolfsohn can be had for a few more meetings in Mississippi. Any pastor needing a Gospel Singer cannot, I believe, do better than to secure him. Address him at Corinth, Miss.

I am proud of old Mississippi for her Foreign Missions and am grateful to THE BAPTIST for its part and it is no small part in the forward movement."

—Dr. J. G. Dyer, of the University of Mississippi, was in the capital city this week as a member of the board of examiners for county superintendents of public education. He got off from his duties long enough to pay this office a call and renew his subscription before it should expire—the best way yet to pay our subscription. He says that of the 140 applicants before them only two failed, the papers of all the others making an average of about 90 per cent, which shows that Mississippi is not only at the front with her teachers but county superintendents as well.

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